



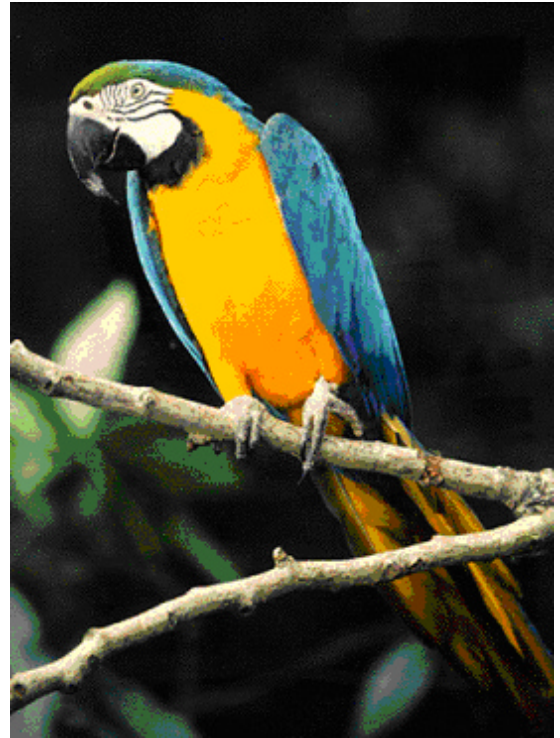
ATTENTION PET STORE OWNERS, EMPLOYEES & CUSTOMERS



EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE INFORMATION

Exotic Newcastle Disease is a highly infectious and contagious viral disease that attacks chickens, turkeys, and many species of captive and wild birds. Exotic Newcastle Disease is one of the most infectious poultry diseases in the world. It is so deadly that infected birds may die without showing clinical signs. A death rate of 90 to 100 percent may occur in infected poultry.

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture issued a declaration of extraordinary emergency, ordering actions to prevent the spread of Exotic Newcastle Disease from areas in Arizona, California and Nevada. Quarantine has been established for Clark County and southern Nye County in Nevada. The Quarantine prohibits the movement of birds, poultry products and other materials that could spread Exotic Newcastle Disease.



Pet Stores are authorized to sell certain bird species in the quarantine area if their owner has signed a ***Bird Store Compliance Agreement***. The agreement contains terms and conditions that must be followed to sell or display birds in the quarantine area and is available by calling (702) 595-3630. Quarantine violations are punishable by a \$600.00 Nevada State fine, and up to a \$25,000.00 Federal fine.

Humans are rarely infected with Exotic Newcastle Disease. People exposed to the virus may develop conjunctivitis (pink eye), which is quite mild and persists from 1-2 days. Most human infections occur among laboratory workers who work with the virus and people who clean and handle a large number of infected birds.



The most important step to take in protecting birds from Exotic Newcastle Disease is to avoid contact with other birds, both domestic and wild. Direct contact between birds is the most common way to spread bird diseases, including Exotic Newcastle Disease. Visiting live bird markets is not recommended as the virus may be present at these locations and can be transported to other birds.

The Exotic Newcastle Disease virus can travel from bird to bird on a person's hands, shoes or clothing. Hands should be washed after handling any bird using antibacterial soap with warm water for a minimum of fifteen seconds. The more time spent scrubbing, the greater the protection. Another precaution is the application of disinfectant spray to shoes, particularly the soles. Clothing should be changed and laundered after handling other birds to prevent transmitting the virus from bird to bird.

Cleaning bird cages with a commercial disinfectant or a solution of warm water and bleach in a ratio of 16:1 (3/4 cup bleach + 8 cups water) will remove the Exotic Newcastle Disease virus, along with many other viruses that may harm birds.

If you have contact with poultry, or visit any place where poultry is kept, be especially thorough in the cleaning of hands, shoes and clothing. If you drive onto such property, consider spraying vehicle wheel wells, doorsills and floor mats with disinfectant. Warm temperatures and bright sunlight will also destroy the virus.

Commercial bird food bought in sealed packages is generally considered free of the virus, while seed bought in bulk may contain the virus (birds may defecate in exposed seed, spreading the disease).

If you find a bird that is ill or dead, or would like more information, please call the Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) Hotline at 1-866-490-2991 (toll free).

Nevada Dept of Agriculture: <http://agri.state.nv.us/>
USDA APHIS: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>
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